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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. George Christian  
Press Secretary to The President  
The White House

SUBJECT: Publication of "Che" Guevara's Diary

1. The original diary of Ernesto "Che" Guevara de la Serna is in the hands of the Bolivian Government which is currently negotiating to sell it to the highest bidder. [REDACTED] an unidentified German publishing firm has already offered \$100,000 for the diary provided it is delivered within two weeks. The New York Times and Parade Magazine are also negotiating for publication rights. In our view, the diary will be published and in the public domain in the very near future.

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2. The diary contains daily entries from 7 November 1966 through 7 October 1967. The diary relates general field experiences and does not contain particularly sensitive information. Although the handwriting is frequently difficult to read, the diary could be published in its present form. The publishers may want to edit the manuscript, eliminating entries of little interest. No sterilization is necessary. [REDACTED]

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3. It appears that the Bolivian Government has its plans for the publication of the diary well in hand and that it would

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resent any outside efforts to surface all or parts of it. [REDACTED]

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Richard Helms  
Director